

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Kerry White, on April 7, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kerry White, Chair (R)
Rep. Theresa Manzella, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Zach Brown, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lexi Goble, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 232, 3/24/2017

Executive Action: SB 313, SB 337, SB 363, SB 248

HEARING ON SB 232

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:40 Sen. Pat Connell (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 232, Provide for off-highway trail pass.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:00:54 Rep. Z. Brown joined the meeting

00:05:55 Roger Hagan, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association (MTVRA)

[EXHIBIT\(nah73a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah73a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah73a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah73a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah73a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah73a06\)](#)

00:09:10 Bob Walker, Montana Trails Recreation and Parks Association (MTRPA)

[EXHIBIT\(nah73a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah73a08\)](#)

00:14:19 Mike Jeffords, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association (MTVRA); National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC)

00:19:35 Doug Shenkle, Group of Riders

00:22:15 Amy Adler, Montana Weed Control Association (MWCA); Rosebud County Weed District

00:23:56 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resources Association (TSRA)

00:24:47 Wilson Ilgenfritz, Citizens for Balanced Use (CBU)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:25:49 Tom Reilly, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:24 Rep. Gunderson

00:27:28 Tom Reilly, FWP

00:27:52 Rep. Curdy

00:28:50 Sen. Connell

00:30:07 Rep. Curdy

00:30:36 Roger Hagan, MTVRA

00:31:32 Tom Reilly, FWP

00:31:49 Chair White

00:32:23 Tom Reilly, FWP

00:32:37 Rep. Manzella

00:34:32 Sen. Connell

00:35:01 Rep. Flynn

00:37:06 Tom Reilly, FWP

00:37:30 Rep. Mortensen

00:37:49 Tom Reilly, FWP

00:38:00 Rep. Mortensen

00:38:06 Tom Reilly, FWP
00:38:25 Rep. Court
00:39:05 Bob Walker, MTRPA
00:39:27 Rep. Court
00:43:09 Sen. Connell
00:45:40 Rep. Flynn
00:46:47 Bob Walker, MTRPA
00:47:34 Rep. Curdy
00:47:52 Bob Walker, MTRPA
00:48:12 Chair White
00:48:23 Bob Walker, MTRPA
00:48:45 Rep. Manzella
00:49:51 Sen. Connell
00:51:27 Tom Reilly, FWP
00:51:52 Rep. Manzella
00:52:37 Tom Reilly, FWP
00:52:47 Rep. Gunderson
00:53:30 Sen. Connell
00:54:12 Rep. Gunderson
00:54:59 Tom Reilly, FWP
00:55:19 Rep. Flynn
00:56:30 Sen. Connell
00:57:36 Rep. Court
01:00:20 Sen. Connell
01:00:44 Chair White
01:08:49 Sen. Connell
01:09:35 Chair White
01:09:58 Bob Walker, MTRPA
01:10:42 Rep. Curdy
01:10:47 Chair White
01:13:43 Tom Reilly, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

01:14:02 Sen. Connell

Committee Business:

01:20:17 Chair White
01:20:23 Rep. Z. Brown
01:20:39 Chair White

01:21:33 Recess
01:56:45 Reconvene

01:56:57 Rep. Noland joined the meeting

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 248

01:57:11 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved to **RECONSIDER PREVIOUS ACTION** on **SB 248**.

Discussion:

01:58:13 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:58:46 Chair White

01:59:35 Joe Kolman, LSD

02:00:48 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Court, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Fleming and Rep. Flynn voting no. Rep. Fleming voted by proxy.

02:02:19 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 248 BE AMENDED**.

EXHIBIT(nah73a09)

02:03:25 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Court, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Fleming, Rep. Flynn and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Fleming voted by proxy.

02:04:31 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 248 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

02:04:40 Rep. Flynn

02:06:05 Rep. Curdy

02:06:52 Rep. Manzella

02:07:46 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Court, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Fleming and Rep. Flynn voting no. Rep. Fleming voted by proxy. Rep. White will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 313

02:09:07 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 313 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

02:09:30 Joe Kolman, LSD

02:09:46 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Flynn made a substitute motion that **SB 313 BE TABLED**.

02:10:47 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Court, Rep. Fleming and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Fleming voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 337

02:11:14 Joe Kolman, LSD

02:11:21 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 337 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:11:39 Rep. Curdy

02:13:18 Rep. Court

02:15:16 Rep. Flynn

02:16:35 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Court, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Fleming and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Fleming voted by proxy. Rep. Windy Boy will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 363

02:17:45 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 363 BE CONCURRED IN.**

02:18:10 Joe Kolman, LSD

02:20:19 **Motion:** Rep. Galt moved that **SB 363 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT](#)(nah73a10)

Discussion:

02:20:49 Rep. Galt

02:21:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Fleming voted by proxy.

02:21:40 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 363 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

02:22:26 **Motion:** Rep. Flynn moved that **SB 363 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT](#)(nah73a11)

Discussion:

02:23:05 Rep. Z. Brown

02:23:38 Doug Harty, Montana Electric Coop Association (MECA)

02:24:04 Rep. Z. Brown

02:24:13 Chair White

02:24:22 Doug Harty, MECA

02:25:05 Rep. Z. Brown

02:25:30 Doug Harty, MECA

02:26:24 Chair White

02:27:09 Rep. Z. Brown

02:27:59 Rep. Curdy

02:28:09 Doug Harty, MECA

02:29:14 Chair White

02:29:33 Doug Harty, MECA

02:29:38 Rep. Court

02:30:10 Chair White
 02:31:06 Rep. Flynn
 02:32:17 Rep. Gunderson
 02:32:42 Rep. Curdy

02:34:43 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Fleming voted by proxy.

02:36:03 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 363 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:37:00 Chair White
 02:40:19 Rep. Noland left the meeting
 02:43:57 Rep. Abbott
 02:44:25 Rep. B. Brown

02:44:56 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 363 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(nah73a12)

Discussion:

02:45:22 Rep. Flynn
 02:46:09 Rep. Gunderson
 02:46:20 Rep. Z. Brown
 02:47:06 Rep. Windy Boy

02:48:13 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-4 by roll call vote with Rep. B. Brown, Rep. Court, Rep. Curdy and Rep. Galt voting no. Rep. Court, Rep. Fleming and Rep. Noland voted by proxy.

02:49:55 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 363 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:50:10 Rep. Flynn
 02:50:11 Rep. Noland joined the meeting

02:50:13 **Motion:** Rep. Z. Brown made a substitute motion that **SB 363 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED CHANGING LINE 19 FROM \$15.00 TO \$10.00.**

Discussion:

02:51:02 Rep. Flynn
 02:52:09 Rep. Z. Brown
 02:52:49 Rep. Flynn
 02:53:43 Rep. Abbott
 02:54:08 Rep. Gunderson
 02:54:29 Chair White
 02:55:21 Rep. Flynn
 02:56:18 Rep. Noland
 02:57:25 Rep. Z. Brown
 02:58:27 Chair White

03:00:40 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Court, Rep. Fleming, Rep. Mortensen and Rep. Windy Boy voting aye. Rep. Court and Rep. Fleming voted by proxy.

03:00:58 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 363 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

03:01:13 Rep. Curdy

03:02:21 Rep. Flynn

03:03:01 Rep. Windy Boy

03:03:47 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Court and Rep. Fleming voted by proxy. Rep. Cuffe will carry the bill.

Committee Business:

03:04:57 Chair White

ADJOURNMENT

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03:05:38

Lexi Goble, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah73aad.pdf](#))